

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

A' 1(amended). A combination preparation for contraception comprising from 2 to 4 first stage daily dosage portions, each of said first stage daily dosage portions containing an effective amount of at least one natural estrogen as sole active ingredient; from 16 to 22 second stage daily dosage portions, each of said second stage daily dosage portions containing an effective amount of a combination of at least one natural estrogen and at least one natural or synthetic gestogen as active ingredient; from 2 to 4 third stage daily dosage portions, each of said third stage daily dosage portions containing an effective amount of at least one natural estrogen as sole active ingredient; and from 2 to 4 additional stage daily dosage portions, each of said additional stage daily dosage portions containing a pharmaceutically acceptable placebo.

the # of days is 28

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5 were objected to for including the terms "include" and "including".

Claim 1 was amended to make it clearer. The meaning of the included wording was intended to be this: each of the "portions" would be limited to containing what follows the term "include" or "including". Actually applicants believe that this would be the apparent meaning of the original wording, but to